

LANGPORT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 1944.

August 21st, 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the District Council

Gentlemen,

In accordance with instructions received from the Ministry of Health re the Annual Report, I have confined this Report to Vital Statistics and Water Supplies only.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

R. P. HOSFORD
Medical Officer of Health.

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Table 1

Summary Census of Vital Statistics

	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940
Estimated Population	12,720	12,680	13,480	14,810	13,190
Number of Registered Births	218	194	187	190	160
Deaths, all causes, after correction by the Registrar General	172	171	162	176	187
Birth Rate per 1,000	17.13	15.06	13.87	12.83	12.13
Death Rate per 1,000	13.52	13.20	12.02	11.88	14.18
Infantile Mortality Rate i.e. number of deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births.	54.58	56.64	16.04	21.05	65.10
Total number of deaths under 1 year of age	11	11	3	4	11

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Table 2
Causes of Death during the Year 1944

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	5	3
Tuberculosis, Other Forms	-	1
Influenza	1	-
Cancer	10	14
Diabetes	1	1
Cranial Vascular Lesions	7	13
Heart Disease	22	27
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	3
Bronchitis	1	6
Pneumonia	2	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	-
Appendicitis	1	-
Other Digestive Diseases	4	2
Nephritis	5	2
Premature Birth	-	4
Congenital Malformation Birth Injuries	3	2
Suicide	1	1
Road Traffic Accidents	1	1
Other violent causes	3	1
All other causes	6	8
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All causes:-	78	94
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Table 3
Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis
Incidence of Infectious Diseases Notified during 1944
and 1943.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
Diphtheria	1	-
Scarlet Fever	11	5
Acute Poliomyelitis	3	-
Malaria	1	-
Whooping Cough	16	7
Erysipelas	-	2
Measles	7	44
Pneumonia	1	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	3
Chicken Pox	15	26

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T U B E R C U L O S I S .

During the year 11 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 1 case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were reported to me.

The number of deaths during the year were 9, being 8 Pulmonary and 1 non-pulmonary.

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W A T E R S U P P L I E S.

The piped supplies consist of five sources, as follows.

1. Compton Durville. This source provides water for four Parishes. The supply is satisfactory in quality and quantity. Bacteriological examinations are made quarterly. The results are very satisfactory.

2. Lytes Cary. This source provides water for three Parishes, one of which is in the Rural District of Yeovil. The supply was restricted for a short period during August and September, 1944. At times slight contamination is present and the water is regularly chlorinated. Bacteriological examinations are made quarterly and the results are very satisfactory.

3. Western Parishes. Two sources of supply provide water for the nine Parishes. (a). Adit at Barrington. (b). 70,000 gallons supplied daily by the Rural District Council of Chard. The yield from the Adit at Barrington has shown a decline for several years. The deficiency is made up by Chard R.D.C. Bacteriological examinations are made of the Barrington supply quarterly, the results being satisfactory. The water supplied from Chard is chlorinated.

4. Long Sutton. This source supplies the Parish of Long Sutton with an average of 10,000 gallons daily. This supply is satisfactory in quality and quantity. A chlorinating plant is constantly in use. Bacteriological examinations are made quarterly, the results being very satisfactory.

The Bacteriological Analysis of the Supplies not chlorinated and the Supplies chlorinated all show the same degree of quality.

Practically all Stand Pipes have been dispensed with where a piped supply is available and the supply is direct to the house. 92% of the houses are connected.

Eastern Parishes. In 1939 an enquiry was held by the Ministry of Health in respect of a much needed supply for the eight Eastern Parishes. This scheme will, it is hoped, be proceeded with at the earliest possible date. The position in respect of the quality and quantity in all these Parishes is extremely bad and the supplies are principally shallow wells in Blue Lias. The Council are fully conversant with the urgency of the problem of providing these eight Parishes with a piped water supply and every effort to hurry up the sanction and commencement of the scheme is being made.

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